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REMARKS

Claims 1-10 have been cancelled. Claim 11 has been amended. Claims 11-13 are now pending in this application. Support for the amendments is found in the existing claims and the specification as discussed below. Accordingly, the amendments do not constitute the addition of new matter. Applicant respectfully requests the entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and the following remarks.

Patentable subject matter

The Examiner's indication that claims 11-13 are free of the prior art is gratefully acknowledged.

Title

A new title is submitted which is descriptive of the presently claimed invention.

Specification

The continuing data section of the specification has been updated by amendment. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claims 11-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 11 has been amended to include a typical connecting clause (comprising) and to recite a positive method limitation (hybridizing).

Reconsideration in view of Applicants' amendments is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of Applicants' amendments to the claims and specification and the foregoing Remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any remaining concerns which might prevent the prompt allowance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

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Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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